

22 April 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: All PRD Officers

1. At Thursday's staff meeting, we will again discuss the question of defining KIQ relationships in the RONI. I offer the following for consideration:

KIQ Relationship

- Direct -- the item seeks to contribute directly to the state of knowledge concerning topics specified in one or more of the KIQs.*
- Indirect -- the item provides information which seeks to advance knowledge concerning topics indirectly related to one or more of the KIQs.*
- None -- the item bears no relationship to any of the KIQs or adds nothing to the state of knowledge concerning the KIQs.

* Note that the concept of the producer's intent is introduced here. We do not wish to measure the quality of KIQ-related items per se (e.g., whether an item's predictions are right or wrong) but, rather, whether or not the producers are seriously trying to respond to the KIQs (and adjusting their efforts accordingly). We (and the NIOs) deal with the quality of intelligence elsewhere (or through other means).

2. Please bear in mind that no definitions will be perfect or answer all questions; that, no matter how defined, KIQ relationships

will to some degree call for subjective measurement; and that it is probably better to let our readers know (through definitions) what we intend rather than simply ignoring the problem altogether.



Chief, PRD/IC

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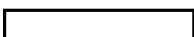
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Dear Rex:

Thank you for your comments and your kind words concerning our "Review of National Intelligence." With your permission, I would like to publish your letter and your staff's comments (or at least portions thereof) in the next issue of the publication. (And I will assume that I have that permission unless I hear to the contrary.)

The first issue of RONI stimulated the beginnings of what I hope will be a healthy and continuing exchange on many aspects of the community's production effort.

As you might expect, we have received a variety of comments on the RONI from our readers, both orally and in writing. Some, for example, welcomed the style of writing while others emphatically did not. Others, apparently unaware of the IC Staff's structure and charter, in effect accused us of being CIA reviewers praising CIA products. (It is interesting to note in this regard that over one-half of our regular reviewers are active or retired military officers.)

For our part, we are open to any and all suggestions for shaping future editions of the RONI. We are still looking into many of the issues your staff addressed in its comments--e.g., the range of products reviewed, the usefulness of statistics, and the need for a better perception of the intelligence users' needs. As we gain reviewing experience and put into practice some of the suggestions of our intelligence colleagues, RONI will, I think, improve.

Sincerely,

/s/ Samuel V. Wilson

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This is a try at a statement concerning consultation with the NIOs on RONI. You will recall that you asked me to prepare this and that you plan to seek the DCI's approval for something like this.

Reading Table

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9 April 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Procedures Governing Consultation with NIOs
Concerning the Review of National Intelligence
(RONI)

It has been decided that portions of the RONI will be shown to appropriate NIOs before publication. We view this, in general, as a move to improve contents and, in particular, as a means to insure accuracy. Specifically:

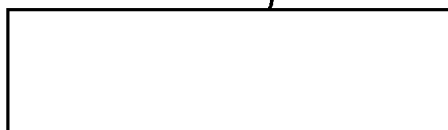
- Chief, PRD will forward drafts of the area and topical sections to the NIOs for comment.

- From time to time, other sections of the RONI--those which would benefit from an NIO's competence in a given area or topic--will also be passed to the NIOs for comment.

- The NIOs will be invited to comment on accuracy and substance. They will not be asked to suggest editorial changes or to coordinate.

- Because publication schedules are tight, deadlines for NIO comments will be established by Chief, PRD.

- Responses to NIO comments, the process of final review, and the task of editing will all of course remain the responsibility of Chief, PRD.



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*Approved by Wilson
and seen by DCI
(w/o objection)*

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